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Retired Reedsburg Police Canine, Fritz, Dies over Weekend

The Reedsburg Police Department family lost a valuable retired member of the force on Sunday afternoon. Retired Police K9 Fritz died peacefully, in the presence of his partner and best-friend, Sgt. Andy Foesch, after a short illness. Fritz was 13 years old.

Fritz began his career with the Reedsburg Police Department in 2005 and worked until 2014 when he retired. The typical working-life for a police K9 is approximately 5 years, Fritz nearly doubled that. As a dual-purpose canine, Fritz was especially proficient at narcotics detection and tracking, helping to solve a number of cases throughout his career both locally and through mutual aid to other law enforcement agencies.

Although Fritz had detected pounds of narcotics and located several characters during his career, his passion was always protecting Sgt. Foesch, as anyone who neared the squad car found out.

“The connection between an officer and their K9 partner is one of the strongest bonds I’ve ever witnessed,” said Reedsburg Police Chief Tim Becker. “This relationship was no different, Fritz was a member of the Foesch family and he will be truly missed by Andy, his wife and his children.”

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